

# Distinctive Neighborhood Program

In the 2008/2009 fiscal year budget the City Council Rules and Open Government Committee approved funding for the development of a “Distinctive Neighborhood Program” that would add further protection and enhancement to San Jose’s unique residential neighborhoods. The Department of Planning, Building and Code Enforcement has been directed to develop this program, conduct outreach, and have a recommendation for City Council by June 2009.



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## Website

Additional information regarding the Distinctive Neighborhood Program is available on the Planning website (PBCE) at the following link:

[http://www.sanjoseca.gov/planning/distinctive\\_neighborhood/](http://www.sanjoseca.gov/planning/distinctive_neighborhood/)

## Project Goals and Outcome

- 1) Defining the characteristics of San Jose’s distinct neighborhoods based on input from community groups, neighborhood associations, the development community, and other interested parties
- 2) Reviewing existing protections and proposing potential revised and/or new protection options including identifying potential Municipal Code or other policy changes
- 3) Identifying other steps and resources that would be needed to implement a Distinctive Neighborhood Program
- 4) Conducting community outreach at key milestones in the development of the program and
- 5) Bringing the proposal to City Council for its consideration.

The City's Municipal Code allows physical changes including demolition to facilitate new construction that can substantially alter homes and, over time through the cumulative effect of many individual demolitions and remodels, alter the character of entire neighborhoods. The Distinctive Neighborhood Program intends to explore options to provide further protection to San Jose's distinctive residential neighborhoods.

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## Second Round of Outreach

**You are invited to attend one or more of the following public meetings:**

### **Community Meeting**

April 14, 2009, 6:30 PM - 8:00PM

City Hall Council Wing, room W-118/ W-119

**Presentation of Policy Options for the Distinctive Neighborhood Program**

### **Developers Roundtable**

April 17, 2009, 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM

City Hall Tower room T-332

**Presentation of Policy Options for the Distinctive Neighborhood Program will be one of the items on the agenda**

### **Neighborhood Roundtable**

April 21, 2009, 7:00 AM – 8:30 AM

City Hall Tower room T-332

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### **Planning Commission Study Session**

April 22, 2009, 5:15 PM – 6:30 PM

City Hall Tower room T-332

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### **Construction Roundtable**

April 29, 2009, 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM

City Hall Tower room T-332

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### **Neighborhood Services & Education Committee**

May 14, 2009, 1:30 PM

City Hall Council Wing, room W-118/ W-119

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